(ग) खाद्य मंत्रालय ने, जो कि मुक्त सामान्य लाइसेंस के तहत प्राइवेट पार्टियों द्वारा किये जा रहे चीनी आयात की मानीटरिंग कर रहा है, बताया है कि दिनांक 27-7-1994 की स्थिति के अनसार, ऐसे चीनी आयात की कुल 8.92 लाख मी0 टन मात्रा में से 6.24 लाख मी0 टन चीनी भारतीय बन्दरगाहों पर पहुंच गई है। प्राइवेट पार्टियों द्वारा किये गये इस आयात की आयात-कीमत संबंधी पूर्ण जानकारी अभी उपलब्ध नहीं है।

(घ) ऐसी कोई जानकारी ध्यान में नहीं आई है।

(ङ) प्रश्न नहीं उठता।

Lowering of India's Listing as violator of IPR

829. DR. BAPU KALDATE:

SHRIMATI KAMLA SINHA:

MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE:

SAMBHAJIRAO SHINDE:

SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA:

SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU:

SHRI RAJUBHAI A. PARMAR:

MISS SAROJ KHARARDE:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that US administration has lowered India's listing as a violator of Insellectusal Property Rights from the priority countries;

(b) if so, what are the reason's therefor; and

(c) what is Government reaction's thereto?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKERJEE): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The announcement by the US-TR states that India has begun to progress towards providing modern intellectual property protection by enacting a new copyright law and by introducing improved trade mark legislation.

(c) The Government has noted the U.S. decision and expressed the hope that the multilateral rules embodied in the Uruguay Round Agreement would be respected by all signatories.

Anti-dumping petition by SAIL

830. SHRIMATI SARLA MAHESWARI:

SHRI V NARAYANASAMY:

SHRI G. Y. KRISHAN:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that 'SAIL' has filed an anti-dumping petition with Government with reference to import of steel plates;

(b) if so, what are the findings in this regard and how government have responded to their applications; and

(c) what special measures have been taken by Government to check such dumping?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The Steel Authority of India (SAIL) had filed a request for initiating anti-dumping investigation, in February 1994 alleging dumping of steel plates into India.

The petition was examined in accordance with the Customs Tariff (Identification, Assessment and Collection of Duty or Additional Duty on dumped articles and for determination of Injury) Rules 1985 and it was found that there was no prima-

facie evidence of dumping/injury. The above fact was intimated to the petitioner in March 1994.

(e) Petitions alleging dumping of articles into India are being examined expeditiously in accordance with the above rules and GATT regulations and anti-dumping duty has been imposed wherever warranted. Format in which the information is to be furnished has been simplified and all necessary help is rendered to the domestic industry in filing the petitions. 6

US Administration's Action Under Special 301 against India

831. SHRI V. NARYANASAMY:
SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SAMBHAJIRAO SHINDE:
SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA
SHRI RAJUBHAI A. PARMAR:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the reported pleading of U.S. industry's representatives before the international trade sub-committee of the US Senate, urging the US administration to take action under special 301 against India;

(b) if so, what is Government's information about the reaction of the US Senate's sub-committe's and the US administration; and

(c) the Government's reaction thereon?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) On June, 30 1994, the U.S. announced its decision not to designate India under the special 301 provision of U.S. Trade law as a Priority Foreign country but to place it on the Priority Watch List with an out-of-cycle review in January, 1995.

(c) The Government has noted the U.S. decision and expressed the hope that the multilateral rules emodied in the Uruguay Round Agreement would be respected by all singatories.

न्यूनतम मजदूरी में वृद्धि

832. **श्री सुरेश कलमाडी :**
श्री शंकर दयाल सिंह :

क्या श्रम मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या सरकार ने विभिन्न क्षेत्रों में कार्यरत श्रमिकों की न्यूनतम मजदूरी में वृद्धि करने का कोई निर्णय लिया है ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो वे कौन-कौन क्षेत्र हैं जिनमें न्यूनतम मजदूरी में वृद्धि की गयी है और उस वृद्धि का ब्यौरा क्या है; और

(ग) विभिन्न राज्यों में कृषि क्षेत्र में कार्यरत श्रमिकों की मजदूरी का किस रूप में भुगतान किया जा रहा है और क्या इन असंगठित श्रमिकों का सही भुगतान हो, इसके लिये सरकार ने किसी तरह की योजना बनाई है ?

श्रम मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (श्री पी. ए. संगमा) : (क) और (ख) केन्द्रीय सरकार ने 12-7-1994 की अधिसूचना के द्वारा केन्द्रीय क्षेत्र में आने वाले खनन, भवन-निर्माण एवं रेलवे के क्षेत्रों में 39 अधिसूचित रोजगारों में नियोजित श्रमिकों की मूल मजदूरी की न्यूनतम दरों एवं विशेष भत्तों की दरों में संशोधन किया है । न्यूनतम मजदूरी की संशोधित दरें दर्शाने वाला विवरण संलग्न है । **(नीचे देखिए)**

(ग) विभिन्न राज्यों/संघ शासित क्षेत्रों में खेतिहर मजदूरों की अकुशल